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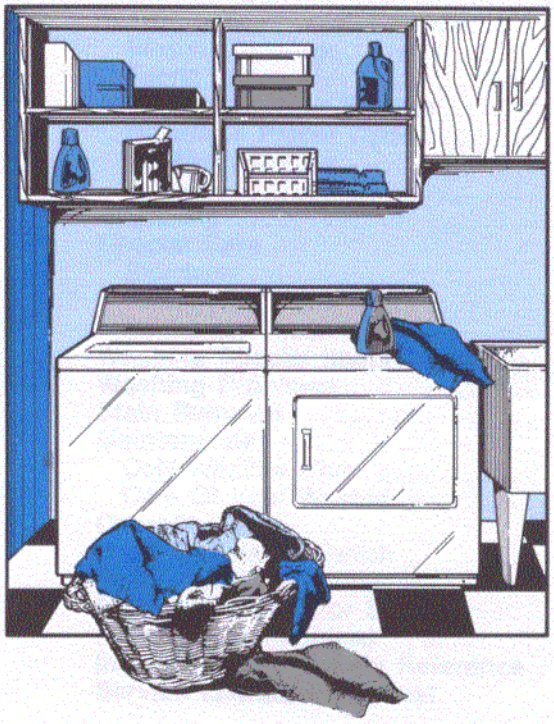
Use and Care Guide
Home Laundry Automatic Washer



Models:
AWM270
AWM290

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. (If the washer changes ownership, be sure this manual accompanies the washer.)

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How To Use Your Washer . . .

Operation Instructions

⚠ WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, read the IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS, Pages 2 and 3, before operating the washer.

Determine Proper Cycle

Regular
Use for sturdy items, like play or work clothes, towels, T-shirts, etc. The wash time selection will depend on the type of fabric and the amount of soil. For the best results when cleaning heavily soiled items, use a longer wash time (15 minutes maximum). Lightly soiled items require less wash time.

Permanent Press
Use for permanent press items and synthetics. The wash time selection will depend upon the type of fabric and amount of soil. The PERMANENT PRESS cycle automatically cools the temperature of the fibers before the spin. After wash the agitation stops, the washtub spins slowly, partially drains and then stops. Cold water will then be automatically added to the washtub until the proper water level is reached. This happens one or two times, depending on the size of the load and type of drain connection. When the COOL DOWN is complete, the washer will pause for approximately one minute before continuing the cycle.

Prewash (Not on all models)
Prewash items that are heavily soiled or stained. The water temperature is controlled by the rinse portion of the temperature knob. Wash items immediately after prewashing.

To Wash Clothes

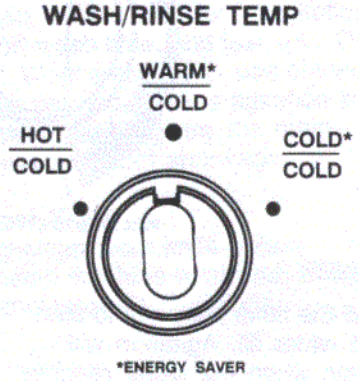
IMPORTANT: Before using your new washer, make sure the washer cord is plugged into a 120 Volt electrical outlet that has the proper grounding and polarity, that the washer hoses are connected to the hot and cold water faucets, and that the faucets are turned on. Be sure the drain hose is not kinked and is inserted into a drain. See the INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS for details of proper washer installation.

1. Get the clothes ready for washing. Empty pockets and cuffs. Sort items into separate loads. Pretreat stains and heavily soiled areas.
2. Measure and add detergent to the washtub.
3. Add clothes loosely into the washtub. The bulk of the clothes rather than the weight will determine load size.
4. Close the loading door. The washer will not agitate or spin with the loading door open.

⚠ WARNING

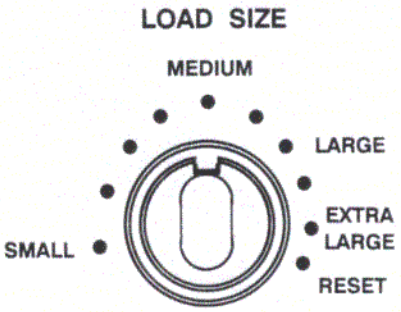
To reduce the risk of severe injury, DO NOT by-pass the loading door switch by permitting the washer to agitate or spin with the loading door open.

5. Set WASH/RINSE temperatures.



NOTE: The washer will provide a cold rinse. Cold rinses will save you money and energy and will help reduce wrinkling in permanent press and synthetics.

6. Set LOAD SIZE (WATER LEVEL) control. Use RESET if agitation has started and more water is needed.



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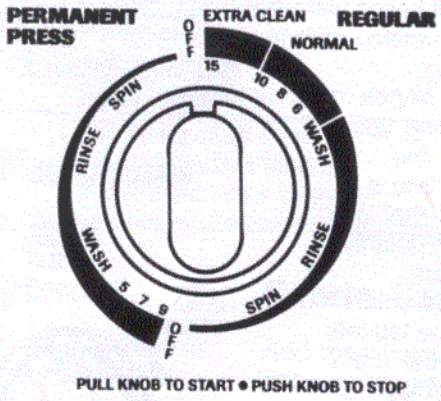
IMPORTANT: Holding the LOAD SIZE (WATER LEVEL) control in the RESET position can cause flooding of the washer.

7. Select the cycle according to the type of fabric being washed. Push the timer knob in and turn clockwise to the desired cycle and wash time.



8. Pull the timer knob out to start the water fill. Agitation will begin when the water reaches the level you selected.

   The washer will stop (pause) for approximately two minutes before the wash and rinse spins. Do not turn the timer through these pauses. They are part of the cycle.

Timer

Although the washer cycles are automatic, the timer may be reset to lengthen, shorten, or repeat a portion of a cycle.

To set or reset the timer, push timer knob in to stop the washer. Hold timer knob in firmly while turning it clockwise to the setting desired. Pull timer knob out to start the washer.

Soaking

Set the timer knob in the center of the word "RINSE" or the washer may spin without first filling with water. Place the soaking product and clothes load in the washtub. Pull timer knob to start water fill. After fill is completed and agitation has started, push the timer knob in. This will stop the washer. When the clothes have soaked the desired length of time, TURN THE TIMER KNOB TO THE START OF THE LAST SPIN, then pull the timer knob out to start the spin.

Cold Soak
Set the timer to the beginning of the regular rinse cycle. Pull timer knob out to start water fill. After this is completed and agitation has started, push the timer knob in. This will stop the washer. When the clothes have soaked the desired length of time, TURN THE TIMER KNOB TO THE START OF THE LAST SPIN, then pull the timer knob out to start the spin.

Warm Soak
Set timer knob to the beginning of the regular cycle. Pull timer knob out to start water fill. After fill is completed and agitation has started, push the timer knob in. This will stop the washer. When the clothes have soaked the desired length of time, TURN THE TIMER KNOB TO THE START OF THE LAST SPIN, then pull the timer knob out to start the spin.